

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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VENLAFAXINE  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 10, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The response is deemed to be timely due to the closure of the U.S. PTO on February 8 – 11, 2010, and by virtue of the attached Petition for an Extension of Time and appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this document.